# Murphysboro City Council Meeting June 11, 2013

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Reverend Earl Renshaw led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens then directed Deputy City Clerk Ripley to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

**Present:** Ron Nolan, Bill Pierson, Danny Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar,

Russell Brown, Gary McComb

**Absent:** Vicki Ardrey, Mike Bastien, Barbara Hughes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 14, 2013 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman McComb

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #497 through June 7, 2013, accounts receivable through June 7, 2013 and payroll through June 7, 2013. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

#### REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

New hire introductions were made: Jon Michael Korando and Joshua Thompson

Marilyn Smerken commented on the website, she likes what she sees.

#### **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS**

Mayor Stephens read the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of May 28, 2013

Motion: To approve accounts payable register #496 through May 28, 2013.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman McComb

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Motion: To approve the 2012 Audit presented by Kerber, Eck & Braeckel.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Costa

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Alderman Pierson read the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of May 28, 2013

Motion: To approve the Dodge truck repair bid from Express for \$3300

Motion by Alderman Pierson Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Motion: To approve extending the work hours of Dan Reardon, assistant code officer, until the end of September.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Motion: To approve the Oil & Chip Resolution for 2013

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Brown

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Mayor Stephens read the minutes of the Public Improvement meeting of May 28, 2013.

Motion: To approve accepting the bid from CWI in the amount of \$6825 for the Annual City Clean Up for July 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Alderman Brown Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Alderman Bullar read the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of May 28, 2013.

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Motion: To approve closing Apple Lane and South 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Alexander to Shoemaker at Valley Ridge on Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 pm for a Father's Day celebration.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Costa Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried.** 

Alderman Bratton read the minutes of the Building & Grounds Committee meeting of May 28, 2013

No action taken.

Alderman Costa read the minutes of the Community Relations Committee meeting of May 28, 2013.

No action taken.

Alderman Costa read the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of May 28, 2013

No action taken.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Motion: To approve Supplemental Resolution for General Maintenance for close-out of the 2012 Motor Fuel Program.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Costa Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

A discussion was held regarding current spending limits for department day to day operations; should it be \$2,000 or \$1500? Mayor indicated we could trust department heads for emergency purchases, others run through committee.

Alderman McComb asked about cleaning up the storage yard. Would need 6-8 hours with the dozer; cost is \$100 per hour. Alderman Bratton inquired if burning has continued.

Reminder-Relay for Life of Jackson County, Murphysboro is Friday, June 14, 2013. Opening ceremony begins at 6 p.m. and continues until 6 a.m. Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Murphysboro Community Day at Rent One Ballpark will be on Saturday, June 22, 2013.

Committee meetings will be Monday, June 24, 2013.

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Discussion regarding proposed Communication Policy. There are Facebook concerns. We should keep messages consistent.

### ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Ron Nolan Nothing

Bill Pierson Nothing

Danny Bratton Nothing

Mark Costa Inquired about crosswalks

Sandi Bullar Nothing

Russell Brown Nothing

Gary McComb Nothing

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Jeff Bock Decision on new hires, PTI academy is July 7th.

Richard Blake Nothing

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Tim Lee Waterline project is about to start down Walnut-June 21st.

Brian Manwaring Discussed computer budget and \$3300 earmarked for WS

Ron Manwaring Outdoor siren on N. 14<sup>th</sup> is 15' higher.

Verdonna Otey Nothing

Sandra Ripley Nothing

Jim Stewart Nothing

Steve Swafford Discussed Station 2 roof; spending limits, towers and engine

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Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.